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In re application of

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Michio ASANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/508,252

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Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

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For: **LOW-ELECTROSTATICALLY-CHARGING GRANULAR
POLYTETRAFLUORETHYLENE POWDER AND PREPARATION PROCESS OF
SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action of December 21, 2001, three times extended from March 21, 2002 to June 21, 2002 by the filing of an appropriate petition and payment for an extension of time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A process for preparing a low-electrostatically-charging granular

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polytetrafluoroethylene powder prepared by contacting a nonionic surfactant having an electrostatic charging-preventing ability when substantially dry to a granular polytetrafluoroethylene powder, and then drying the granular powder without washing while the nonionic surfactant is kept remaining in the powder, said nonionic surfactant is contacted in the

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